

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AL-VI-B-088

St. Peter's Place, Lonaconing
1859

The present St. Peter's Church is a single story, frame structure that was constructed in 1859 on the ~~site~~^{site} of the original log church. The church itself was organized by the workers and the officials of the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company with the hope that St. Peters might become the official church of the community of Lonaconing. Although this never happened, the church remained in good condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

St. Peter's Place

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Diocese of Maryland

Telephone #: 727-3738

STREET & NUMBER

105 W. Monument Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore,

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21201

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 124

Folio #: 426/1917

Lease: 18/335/1859

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Peter's Episcopal Church is located on St. Peter's Place, Lonaconing, Allegany County.

St. Peter's Church is a single story, three bay wide frame structure that has been covered with aluminum siding. The roof is gabled with a boxed cornice and returns and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. The church rests on a low stone foundation and has a central entrance tower which abuts the main block on the southern side. Windows in the church are rectangular stained glass lights with architrave trim. A single bull's eye window is located in the gable end of the entrance tower. The main entrance is located in the entrance tower beneath a small louvered belfry. A single brick chimney is located in the inside gable end.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1859	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Peter's Episcopal Church was organized in 1839 by the workers and officials of the George's Creek Coal & Iron Company. "The management (of the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company) was particularly interested in organizing an Episcopal Church, which would be, as it were, the official church of the community."¹ On February 15, 1839 the company began construction of a log building that was to have sixteen pews and seat 100 persons.² The cost of the original church came to \$390.00.³ The company patronage of St. Peter's is further evident in the fact that the first chalice and patten set was given by Abel Smith, Esq. M.P. and was sent from Woodhall Park, Herfordshire, London, England.⁴

In 1859 a second church was built on the site of the original log building. The new building was of frame construction. Although it has remained much the same since its original construction, several additions were made to this frame structure in the present century. In the early 1900's a sacresty and cloak rooms were added and in 1960 the bell tower was erected. And finally in 1969 the building was covered with aluminum siding.

Unfortunately for the George's Creek Coal & Iron Company St. Peters never became the official community church. Nevertheless, the church is in good condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

1 Katherine A. Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 115
2 Ibid
3 Rev Leslie Miles, "Bicentennial History of St. Peter's Church" July 4, 1976, p.1
4 Ibid

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

3/3/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale.

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-B-088

Lease 18/335 - 1859

Deed 124/426 - 1917

DATE: February 9, 1977

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: St. Peter's Episcopal Church

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: St. Peter's Place, Lonaconing, Maryland 21539

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Diocese of Maryland 727-3738

ADDRESS: 105 W. Monument Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

STORIES: 1(X) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(X) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- (X) Other: Coverings Aluminum

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() Stained Glass
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South

HARDWARE: original() replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,
Louvered belfry

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(X) STONE() CORBELED() original(X) replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end(X) Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

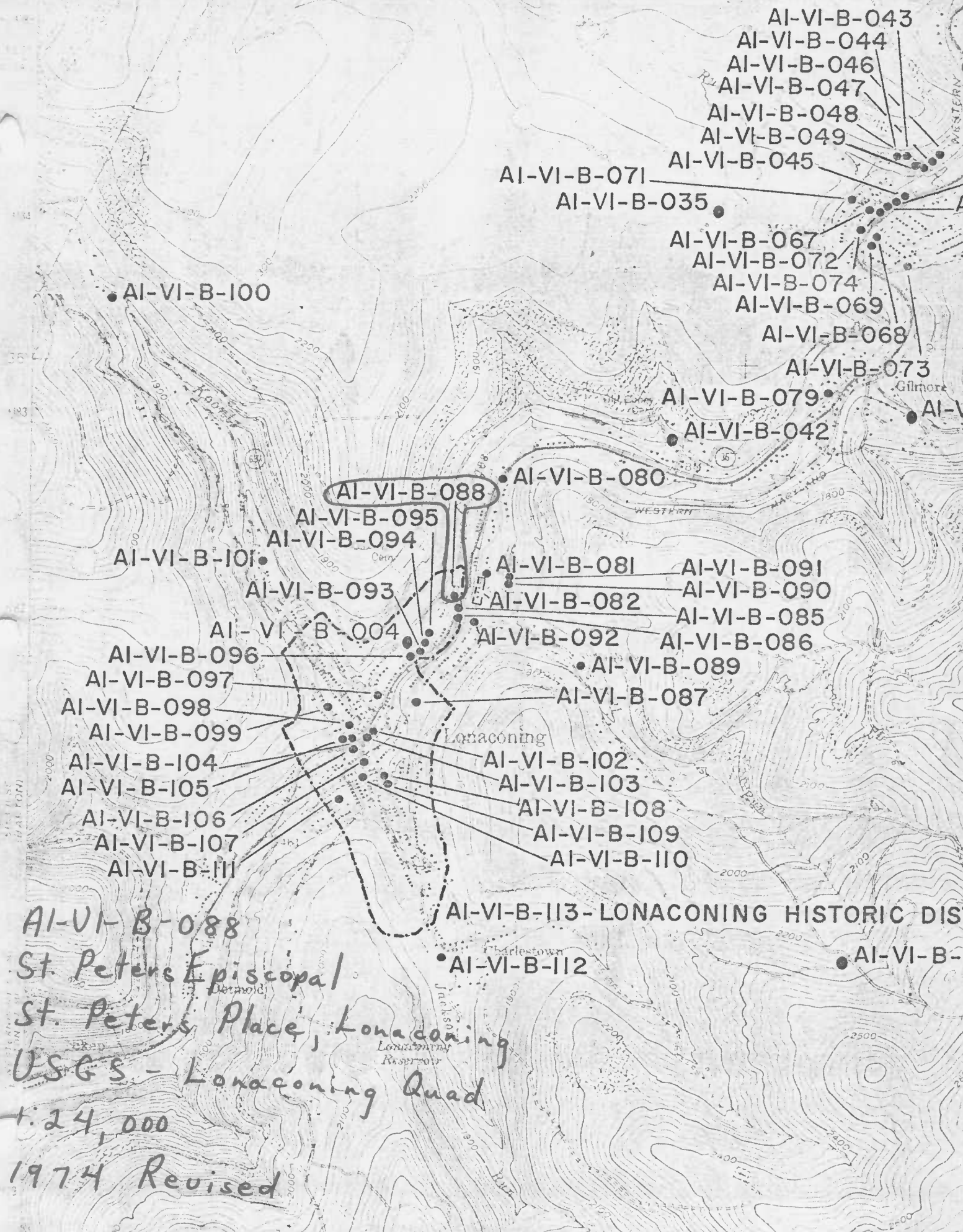
COMMENTS:

Use - Church

Significance - Architecture

Date Constructed - 1839/1859

Condition - Good



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St. Peters Episcopal
St. Peters Place, Lonaconing
USGS - Lonaconing Quad
1:24,000
1974 Revised



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FIGURE 70.

3/3/1977- John Nelson



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St. Peter's Episcopal Church

St. Peter's Place

Lemington

2/9/77

John E. Nelson

Northwest